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SUBJ: UN AFRICAN GROUP REACTION TO EVENTS IN SOWETO

AFRICAN GROUP MET AT UN ON AUGUST 6 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE REACTIONS TO CURRENT DISTURBANCES IN SOWETO. WE UNDERSTAND DECISION WAS MADE TO SEND LETTER CONDEMNING SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND SYSTEM OF APARTHEID TO PRESIDENT OF SECURITY COUNCIL (JAPAN) AND TO SYG WALDHEIM. MECHANICS AND DETAILS OF LETTER ARE STILL UNCLEAR. THERE SEEMS TO BE LITTLE EN-THUSIASM AMONG THE AFRICAN MISSIONS HERE TO HAVE ANOTHER UNSC MEETING ON SOUTH AFRICA AT THIS TIME, SINCE THE DEBATE ON NAMIBIA IS COMING UP SOON AND SINCE MOST OF THE AFRICAN PERMREPS ARE ON VACATION OR ON THEIR WAY TO COLOMBO TO ATTEND THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, THE AFRICANS WILL BE WATCHING THE SITUATION IN SOWETO VERY CLOSELY OVER THE WEEKEND, AND, IF THE LEVEL OF VIOLENCE RAISES, THE PRESSURE WILL BUILD QUICKLY TO HOLD UNSC DEBATE EARLY IN THE WEEK.

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